Assemblies for Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands

1496. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Assemblies in place of the existing Pradesh Councils in the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by the which the proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Raising of Kashmir Issue by Pakistan at Organisation of Islamic Countries

1497. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan raised the Kashmir issue at the recent Summit of Organisation of Islamic Countries held in Senegal;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to counter the propaganda made by the Government of Pakistan against India in foreign press; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government believe that the OIC has no locus stand in the matter. Moreover, Pakistan's attempts to internationalise the Kashmir issue and to give it a religious bias, is propagandist and a distortion of facts. It also violates the Simla Agreement which calls for the resolution of all India–Pakistan issues peacefully through bilateral negotiations. There is no scope for any third party involvement.

The concerned Governments have been apprised of this position.

(c) and (d). Government have and will continue to take all measures to expose the hallowness of Pakistans' propaganda and to project the correct facts of the situation to the international community.

Violation of Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act by Companies

1498. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of companies which violated the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b). A list giving details of such associations where violation of the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act has been detected is attached.